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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:10 AM
To: _____
Subject: RE: [External] Brief Comments on Proposed Duke

Dear Mr. **Wayne Behrendt**

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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From: Wayne Behrendt
 Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 12:12 PM
 To: PSC_Commissioner.Ervin
 Subject: [External] Brief Comments on Proposed Duke

Mr. Ervin

I am a retired executive from Fujifilm in Greenwood where I managed the Duke interface for power consumption in the several million dollars per year range. I will make some bullet points to save you time. Thanks for your consideration.

- Duke should be treated just like any other consumer market company even though there is no consumer sovereignty. If Costco's costs go up by 12%, there is no way they can pass that cost on. People would find another place to shop.
- There is no way 12% is consistent with an inflation rate less than 3%
- Fuel costs have maintained historic lows.
- The coal ash trucks that I pass on the interstate every day are not our responsibility. It was irresponsible environmental conduct that was avoided by these power companies over many years. Now the regulatory requirements are causing them to do the right thing. They just looked the other way and avoided this cost for many years.
- Duke has always played this shell game with user fees, base load fees, fuel fees. In the end, total cost is what is important.
- In my opinion, having Duke as a public company that issues stock (and is constantly trying to please shareholders and investors) is the worst combination with a monopoly Utility.. There isn't any way that the top management can keep a balance between EPS growth and fair cost to its user base to keep its stockholders owning their stock.
- Please look at their total fixed operating cost history and what trends or internal efforts have been made for cost reduction. This is the reality for any company that is forced to compete in the competitive consumer world. They should be able to find from 5-10% reduction per year in reductions.

I hope this is helpful information and I look forward to a balanced and fair outcome.

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Wayne Behrendt